

Atlantic Pact Features Hair-Trigger Defense Clause

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OSC Wins NCAA Basketball Playoff Tilt

Vets Bonus, School Building Bills to Vie For Cigaret Tax

By Lester F. Cour Staff Writer, The Statesman

The house will decide Monday whether it wants a cigarette tax to finance a \$600 bonus for World War II veterans or to construct new buildings at state colleges and universities.

The taxation committee of the house Friday decided to move the bonus bill to the floor without recommendation. Opposing the bonus measure is a bill ready for introduction by joint ways and means committee levying a 2-cent-a-pack cigarette tax to finance construction of new college and institution construction.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Reports from satellite countries indicate that purges are taking place within communist groups, the purpose being to get rid of any infection of Titoism. Marshall Tito's stubborn adherence to his own brand of communism without deference to Kremlin authority has profoundly disturbed the Russian leaders. They fear a spread of nationalist communism which would imperil the hastily built defense bastion they reared across Europe from the Baltic to the Black sea.

This is part of a general policy, writes Wallace R. Deuel of the Washington bureau of the Chicago Daily News, to liquidate the old idea of "popular front" and cooperation with liberal and democratic elements. Now the orders are to refer to the "hard core," the "rigidly disciplined, blindly fanatical and ruthless professional revolutionaries" who were the first instruments communism relied on.

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Liquor on Sale in Benton County

CORVALLIS, Mar. 18-(AP)—Now you can buy a bottle of hard liquor on Benton county.

Salem Firm Low in Gates School Bids

GATES, March 18—Butler Construction company of Salem, was a low bidder on the erection of a 20 by 80-foot addition to the gymnasium of school district 21.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Would you mind, Robert—I have something to discuss with the girls... alone."

Beavers Outpoint Arkansas

KANSAS CITY, March 6-(AP)—Oregon State's Beavers staged a tremendous surge in the final nine minutes tonight to sweep over Arkansas' Razorbacks, 56-38 and gain the finals of the N.C.A.A. Western basketball playoff.

The two victors clash in the title contest tomorrow night at 9:45 (CST). Both teams earned slots in the NCAA National finals at Seattle by winning tonight.

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Solons Confirm Herman Oliver To State Board

The senate voted 27 to 3 Friday to confirm Gov. Douglas McKay's reappointment of Herman Oliver, John Day, to a nine-year term on the state board of higher education.

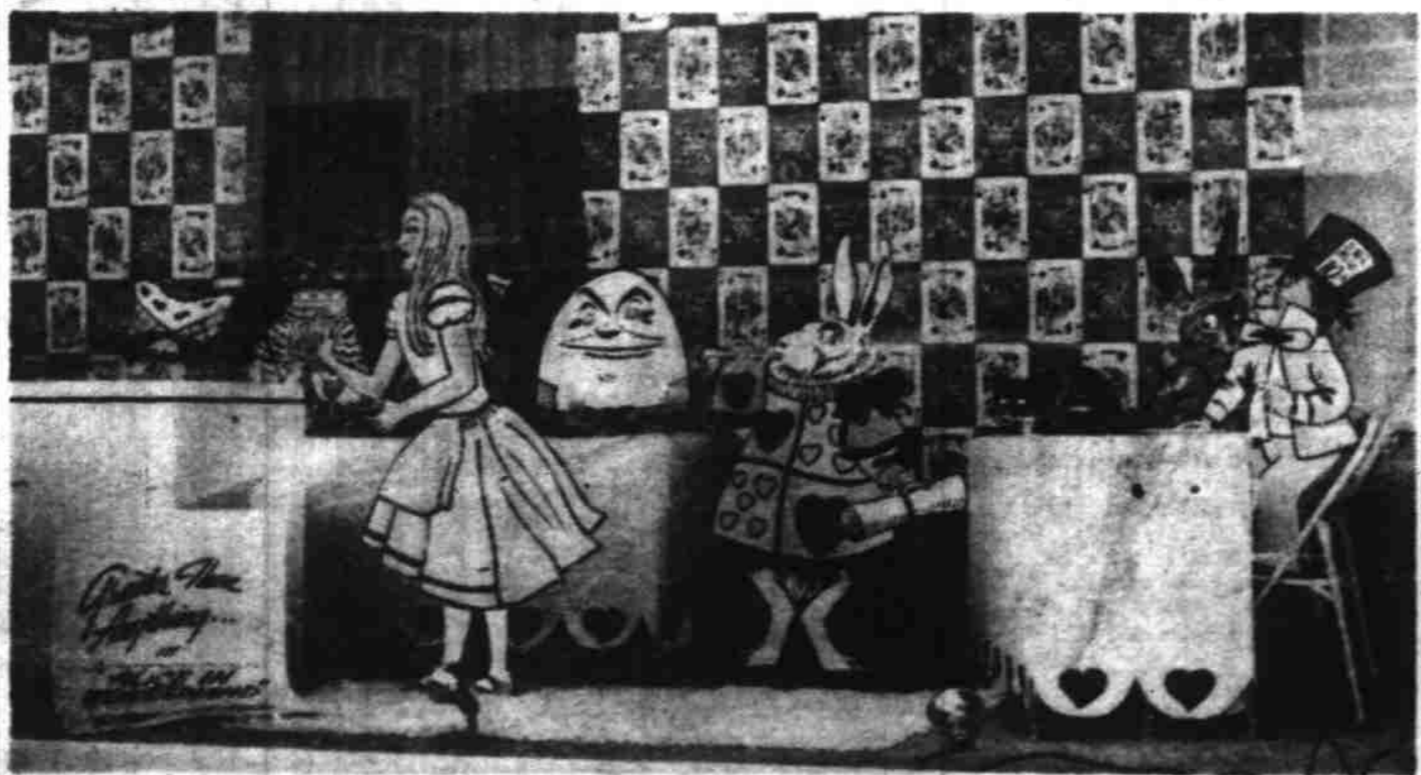
Boggie Marries Childhood Sweetie

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 18 (AP)—Clarence Boggie, 55, pardoned last Christmas eve after serving 13 years in the Washington state prison on a murder conviction, was married here today.

15 PERISH IN AIR CRASH

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Saturday, March 19-(AP)—Police said today 15 persons were killed in the crash of a New Zealand National Airways plane near Wellington yesterday.

Alice in Wonderland Window Wins Sweepstakes



Displaying household appliances in an Alice in Wonderland setting won for the R. L. Elstrom Co. the first grand sweepstakes prize for window decorating at this week's Spring Opening sponsored by 100 local merchants.

Hope Diamond to Help Pay Claims On McLean Estate

WASHINGTON, March 18-(AP)—The famous Hope diamond and other jewelry valued at \$519,107 will be sold to help pay debts against the estate of Evelyn Wailes McLean.

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Acheson States Russ Control of Europe Would Be 'Intolerable'



WASHINGTON, March 18—Countries shown in black on map are those to be united under the North Atlantic Security pact, details of which were made public today. Shaded countries are those under the domination of Soviet Russia. (AP Wirephoto Map to The Statesman.)

Obligates U.S. to Action in Case of Aggression; Russian Charge of Aggressive Alliance Denied

WASHINGTON, March 18-(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said tonight that control of Europe "by a single, aggressive unfriendly power" would be an "intolerable threat to the national security of the United States."

In a bluntly worded address beamed throughout the world, Acheson made his first major policy statement on the proposed North Atlantic mutual-aid treaty.

"This country is not planning to make war against anyone—it is not seeking war—it abhors war—it does not hold war to be inevitable."

"By Peaceful Means" Acheson said this country's policies, as expressed in the words of the Atlantic pact, "are devised with the specific aim of bridging by peaceful means the tremendous differences which beset international society at the present time."

As the secretary of state spoke, there were other reactions:

1. The Italian chamber of deputies in a riotous session voted two to one for Italy's adherence to the Atlantic defense system.

2. Members of the U. S. senate generally expressed approval of the compact's aims, although some took exception to the provision under which the United States might be called on to use its military forces in helping a member nation under attack.

3. Leaders of the western European member states hailed the alliance as a great stride toward security on that war devastated continent.

Foreign Secretary Bevin of Great Britain accused communists of "creating a situation of fear" so that all Europe could be "brought into bondage. He said the Atlantic pact is the answer to this situation."

In Paris, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman declared the pact provides his oft-attacked country with an effective shield against aggression.

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WASHINGTON, March 18—Secretary of State Dean Acheson discusses the Atlantic pact with newsmen today just prior to the release of the text. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Truman Holds 'Olive Branch'

KEY WEST, Fla., March 18-(AP)—President Truman held out an olive branch today to a congress in revolt against much of his program.

He referred to southern opponents as Dixiecrats and said they were not good democrats. But even for this group he held out some hope.

Mr. Truman did not pretend he was happy about the filibuster, the house-passed "local option" rent control bill, or the tabling of Mon C. Wallgren's nomination as chairman of the national security resources board.

But he isn't ready for an all-out fight yet. That much was made clear.

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By John M. Hightower

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—The Atlantic powers unveiled their security treaty today, disclosing a hair-trigger defense clause which automatically would set off American action to block any foreign conquest of western Europe.

The disclosure was the latest in a series of moves to put Soviet Russia on notice that it should expect quick United States retaliation if it seeks to expand into western Europe through the use of armed force.

Secretary of State Acheson said that under the "armed attack" clause the United States would be obligated to use its military power in resisting an attack on an allied nation — if in the "honest judgment" of this government armed force appeared necessary.

Moreover, Acheson opened up a whole new range of possibilities by telling a news conference that he thought the "armed attack" clause might very well apply to revolutions resulting from communist internal aggression.

He also told questioning reporters that an attack of an American or other allied plane in the Berlin air lift over Russian territory certainly would be cause for action by the treaty powers.

The 1,000 word agreement, containing only 14 sharply written articles, was revealed here and abroad simultaneously at 8 a. m. PST.

The document is to be signed in Washington about April 4 by the original Atlantic powers which started the treaty negotiations here last July 6. Other nations, however, have been invited in recent weeks to join.

Article five asserts first that the named states in the treaty "agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all."

It then adds that the member nations "agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them will assist the party of parties so attacked by taking forthwith such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the north Atlantic area."

The other two key action articles of the treaty are those which immediately precede and follow article five:

Article four would provide for consultation whenever any one member thought that its "territorial integrity, political independence or security" was threatened.

Article six declares that an armed attack would include an attack on the territory of any of the treaty members in Europe or North America, on the Algerian department of France (North Africa), on the occupation forces in Germany and Austria, on the islands in the Atlantic north of the Tropic of Cancer (which cuts across the Caribbean and North Africa), or "on the vessels or aircraft in this area of any of the parties."

As for the alliance's operating machinery, the treaty calls for establishment of a council — which might have its headquarters in Europe — and which would meet or be ready to meet almost constantly.

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	69	48	0.0
Portland	68	48	0.0
San Francisco	62	52	0.0
Chicago	61	42	0.0
New York	61	22	0.0

WILLAMETTE RIVER 57 FEET. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy with a few scattered showers today and tonight. Little change in temperature. High temperature today near 62 degrees; low tonight near 42.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to March 15)

This Year	Last Year	Average
26.07	35.22	29.62

Classified Ads Will Sell Houses

Here is a proof. This ad was ordered out after running two days. The owner had ten or 15 calls, one from Woodburn, and made a sale. "We sold it through the ad", he reported.

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